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## EDITOR WILKINS.

The Bee, desiring to be fair, has published the entire editorial answer to The Bee of Editor Wilkins of the Chicago Conservator in this week's issue. Editor Wilkins charged The Bee with having surrendered the manhood rights of the colored Americans because it published the history of Tuskegee Institute and what Prof. Booker T. Washington is doing for the southern colored youth. Editor Wilkins in his editorial admits that the Tuskegee Institute is doing great work and that he meant no reflection on the Institute. Conceding this much, The Bee will ask what then becomes of the charge that The Bee has or does advocate the doctrine of surrender? Is not Editor Wilkins inconsistent? If the teachings at Tuskegee are correct, and those are the questions in controversy, and he admits that he sees no fault in the institution, what does he mean?

The Bee has the highest respect for Editor Wilkins and shall dismiss the question in a fair and unbiased manner. The Bee will concede that Prof. Washington did advocate a policy to which The Bee as well as other journals did not subscribe. He saw the error of his way and he now advocates manhood rights, industrial and higher education. What more does The Bee's learned contempo- do not beg the question, but point rary want? Now, Editor Wilkins, out one act of surrender of the man- hood rights of the colored Americans by Prof. Washington since the adop- tion of the revised constitutions in the South. The Bee has published this week your entire editorial, over a column, and you have not answered one question put to you by The Bee. You charge that The Bee advocates the doctrine of surrender. Name one—just one—only one. The Bee's esteemed contemporary has been buried too deep to resurrect and he must admit it. The Bee has published only a history of Tuskegee and what the principal of that institution is doing for the colored youth. By so doing have the manhood rights of colored Americans been surrendered?

Come up to the judge's stand, Editor Wilkins, and take your sentence like a man. You further say that you are the best friend Prof. Wash- ington has and that you believe in his institution. Now, is this not a sur- render of your former position? Be honest, which The Bee knows you are, and plead guilty to your sins. You will not be harmed. The Bee's good friend, Editor Trotter, of the Guardian, will deal gently with you. Do not be ashamed or afraid of the stings of the Guardian. The Bee knows that you both are sound on the Negro question and fearless in your advocacy of human rights.

The Bee has subordinated any per- sonal feelings it may have entertained against the great educator because it knows what he has done and is doing not only for the manhood rights of the colored Americans, but what he is doing for the young colored man to enable him to compete with those who control the business and industrial world. The colored Amer- icans must educate their hands as well as their heads. There is room enough for every teacher of the col-

ored youth without abusing one an- other. Editor Wilkins is a man of refined qualities and brave in defend- ing the rights of the colored Amer- icans. He is in a state in which de- mocracy respects manhood rights and pure and noble womanhood. Prof. Washington is surrounded by the en- emy. He has them within and with- out. His institution rests upon a volcano which is liable to explode at any time. The enemy watches him with a jealous eye. The shot gun is ready to invade his home at any moment. Why should we, Editor Wilkins, encourage the invaders? You are at long range. You can shoot and hide behind barricaded walls or fire in the open and receive the protection of the immortal Lin- coln. Has the North, East or West erected such a monument as you know exists at Tuskegee? Speak now or forever hold your tongue. The Bee does not believe in the doctrine of surrender and neither does the education of Tuskegee.

## OUR SCHOOLS.

It is the duty of the citizens of Washington to stand by the Board of Education against those who would destroy our public school system. The removal of one man from the public schools, for acts of insubordi- nation should not cause the people to go into hysterics. The testimony as far as it went, in the opinion of The Bee sustains the contention of the Board of Education and these injunc- tion proceedings should be at once dismissed by the court. If the courts uphold such a subterfuge the public school system in the city will amount to nothing. The present board of education is one of the best the people ever had, and so far as Superintendent Chancellor is concerned, he should be given an opportunity to show what he can do. It is firmly believed that he will make one of the best superintendents that has ever been at the head of our schools. This talk that the board is not properly constituted is all subterfuge. Strange that it has just been found out since the board is investigating a teacher against whom there are charges of writing a letter. This recent act demonstrated weakness of the defense. It is not believed that the board in- tended to take snap judgment or not to give the teacher a fair trial. Every indication showed that the board was fair. President Bird, and indeed every member of the board declared if Cardozo proved his innocence that he would not be removed. Why did he not then continue and put in his defense? The board doesn't mean to be bulldozed by any such subterfuges. It is not believed that any member of the board is biased. The contention of the defense is that the present board of education was not properly created by an act of Congress. What a flimsy plea. Congress did give the judges of the Supreme Court authority to appoint a Board of Education. Nine members were appointed at the time. Mrs. Brewer declined to serve. Does the defense mean to say because one member was not present that the acts of the other members of the board are contrary to law? No more so than the acts of the judges of the Supreme Court or the decision of one judge of the police court who acts in the absence of the other. If the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia is properly constituted certainly the Board of Education is. The Supreme Court will certainly not nullify its own act by declaring that the Board it created is improperly constituted. If it did, it would revolutionize the public school system. The bill of the defense will not hold and when it is argued before Justice Clabaugh it will be seen that the defense saw its doom, hence this subterfuge. The defense of Mr. Cardozo will turn out like the case of Mrs. Taylor, who applied for a mandamus to com- pel the Secretary of War to reinstate her to her former position after she had been dismissed for writing ar- ticles against the President. She carried her case to the Supreme Court of the United States and Mrs. Tay- lor was a wiser woman after the de- cision of that court. The Supreme Court cannot uphold the petition of the defense. It will not declare its own acts illegal by creating the Board of Education. It cannot and it will

not. Why does the defense want to enjoin the present board for trying Mr. Cardozo? If he is innocent why does he fear an investigation. It is

## "ALL COONS LOOK ALIKE."

The mid-winter dinner of the fa- mous Gridiron Club at the New Wil- lard last Saturday was thrown into consternation by the attack of Pres- ident Roosevelt on Senator J. B. For- aker in the discussion of the Browns- ville matter. At this dinner were the diplomats and the brains of the world. In the discussion of the Brownsville matter among other things President Roosevelt declared that "all coons look alike to him." He was quickly reminded by the distinguished Sena- tor from Ohio that not only did all coons look alike to him, but "all per- sons," President Roosevelt especially not excepted.

When the nation's chief executive should so soon forget himself and fall beneath the dignity of a great nation by discriminating against one class of people to satisfy his personal pique he should say to the American people that he is unfit to occupy the office he holds. What had the Brownsville matter to do with the social functions that were in progress?

The speech of the President showed his littleness. Senator Foraker was not slow in his retort. Not even the President of the United States could deter him from doing his duty. It was a manly speech which forced the author of a square (2) deal to offer to drink a toast to the Demos- thenes of the Senate. So offensive was the speech of the President that the Club would not permit him to reply to Senator Foraker. It was a crushing rebuke to the Chief Execu- tive. Brother Gardner in the "Lime Kiln" Club could not have made a more offensive address. Senator For- aker fully demonstrated his superior intelligence over that of the Presi- dent. Have not the actions of the President towards the colored Amer- icans fully proved the assertions of The Bee.

When Senator McCormack of Tennessee declared that the colored Americans owed the President a debt of gratitude he did not know what he was talking about. Does the Sena- tor from Tennessee expect the col- ored Americans to take every insult that the President offers? Because he invited Prof. Booker T. Washing- ton to the White House to dine, as he said in a speech in the Senate a few weeks ago, must the entire col- ored race accept every indignity and insult offered by the President? If there is one negro in this country who declares or has declared in a public or private speech that he in- dorsed the action of the President he is a traitor to his people. It is true there are a few colored men who will curry favor with the Administration for personal aggrandizement, but there are not enough representative colored men in this country who have sufficient power to persuade the colored people to support the Presi- dent, gratitude or no gratitude. Sena- tor McCormack condemns the ac- tion of the Boston colored men be- cause they condemn the action of the President. These men are loyal to the race and don't look for any favors from the administration. Does the Senator from Tennessee indorse the speech of the President at the Grid- iron Club? Was not Senator For- aker justifiable in defending himself against the attack of the President? The colored American is not ungrate- ful.

## WHY ARE WE ASHAMED OF ONE ANOTHER?

There is but one nationality upon this great globe that is ashamed of one another. In the colored race may be found all colors, sizes and condi- tions. You are at liberty to pay your money and solicit your choice. The moment a colored man or woman is elevated from a scrub woman or a street cleaner to that of a school teacher, clerk or pianist, he or she comes to the conclusion that he or she is above the average colored American. The Bee has seen the most refined colored woman in a white person's kitchen or doing cham- ber work. A few years ago the editor of this paper was the medium through which several female graduates from the public schools secured appoint-

ments to positions of teachers in the public schools who failed to receive their appointments at the time of graduation because they were black. Many of the school officers were op- posed to them because they were washerwomen's daughters and be- cause their condition in life did not command sufficient influence to secure their employment in the schools.

Very often bastardy gets in control and refuses to recognize legitimate births. It has obtained to such an extent in this city, that the well- thinking people have become disgust- ed. Of course no one can help his birth. The mother and the father are responsible. In many instances illegitimacy overrides legitimacy. The former often attempts to set in judgment and dictate what shall and shall not be. Why should a servant girl or a laboring man or woman be treated with disrespect? One God created us all.

There is no discrimination in death. Why should there be any in life. We all are laid upon the bosom of our Mother Earth. The honest laborer should be given the same consideration as the richest man in existence. Riches does not always make the man or the woman. Why then should we be ashamed of one another? Let us reflect.

## UNJUST DEAL.

It cannot be denied that Washing- ton has one of the best police depart- ments in the country and the men, or many of them, deserve great con- sideration. The Bee does not agree with the recommendation of Major Richard Sylvester in his disapproval of the recent bill submitted to the Commissioners by Congress. The members of the force are entitled to thirty days' leave during the year. While many of the officers are upon their feet from morning until night, many of the government officials are basking in the mountains of Virginia or sitting in front of electric fans. During the hot summer months the members of the force must keep their coats buttoned up to their necks while the perspiration runs down their backs like a stream from the Bladen- burg, Md., Spa Spring. Why should not the members of the force have thirty days? Year in and year out these faithful men patrol the city, protecting the life and property of the citizens while many of them are away at the sea shore enjoying life. The city is too warm for them. But the wealthy citizen remains away all the summer, while the blue coats are compelled to stay at home and pro- tect his property. It is unfair as well as unjust and The Bee doesn't be- lieve that Commissioner West reject- ed the bill of his own volition. He is too much of a humanitarian, and Commissioner Macfarland is too much of a Christian. Yes, the bill should become a law. The bill should become a law.

## MRS. WALKER SICK.

Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, not with- standing the severe snow storm last Tuesday night and her failure to ap- pear at the Bethel Literary, a large crowd turned out to greet her. Mrs. Walker is a woman to be encouraged. She is indeed a business factor in this country. She is a business woman and is doing more than any other woman in the United States to ad- vance the colored people in business. She is a self-made woman and the organization that she represents is an honor to the colored people. A more deserving compliment could not be paid her than to elect her secre- tary of the St. Luke's for life. She is entitled to it. She deserves it and the delegates at the next convention should unanimously elect her to the above position. Attorney James H. Hayes, the legal representative of St. Luke's read the address of Mrs. Walker. While Attorney Hayes is an eloquent speaker, he could not im- press the people as Mrs. Walker would have impressed them. The Bee means by that Attorney Hayes is impressive in his own language but not so when he speaks other people's thoughts. However, Attor- ney Hayes was applauded several times during the delivery of Mrs. Walker's address.

The order of St. Luke's is next to the Grand United Order of True Reformers. Both of these organiza- tions are doing great work among the

colored people and The Bee is pleased to see them succeed.

## THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the local committee of the Afro-American Council will be held at 5 o'clock Monday evening, February 4. In the evening there will be a public mass meeting held under the auspices of the league at which time several representative men will be present and speak. Everybody is invited to be present. Dr. Corrothers is the chairman of the local committee and it is his intention to do all in his power to make the Afro-American Council a factor. The local committee will establish per- manent headquarters in some suitable place in the city where information may be obtained in the interest of the colored race. The local com- mittee wants to raise five thousand dollars for the purpose of pushing through the certain measures affect- ing the colored race. It is hoped that the people will turn out and have the objects of the Council explained to them.

## THE LILY WHITES.

The Bee has received several com- munications from reputable citizens condemning the recent organization of lily white negroes. It is this class of colored people who are dangerous to the social circle. They have been a menace to our public school system. Investigation shows that almost every individual connected with this re- cent movement is an interloper who has no social standing at home.

## TUSKEGEE NOT THE ISSUE.

From the Chicago Conservator.  
In his excellent paper, the Washing- ton (D. C.) Bee, Brother Chase makes reply to our strictures on his change of base touching Dr. Booker T. Washing- ton's real value to the Negro race as a leader and national representative. Before paying special notice to the points which Brother Chase raises, as palliating his face-about, we beg to say of Chase himself that it is a positive pleasure, as well as interesting, to dispute the feasibility of positions with a man of his calibre and high character and self- respect.

In fact, we have, from a pure con- science and with no other motive but to serve the best interest of our people as a race journal, supported by the race, fought with all the power at our command. What we regard as Mr. Washington's doctrine of surrender and inactive contentment in the face of the most outrageous discrimination, civil and political, against our people — a sickly, cowardly submission to all sorts of maltreatment with the hope that after the Negro got rich in this world's goods the white South would consent to let him enjoy his civil and political rights. This fight for our people the Conservator has carried on for more than ten years, and while a great re- action has set in for the better by reason of the Negro's throwing aside Mr. Washington's advice and repudiating Mr. Washington as his leader and his spokesman, we have in that short time more than realized our worst fears as to the results of Mr. Washington's pec- catorial doctrine on the general condition of our people.

During all this time not one Negro newspaper, supporting Mr. Washington's policy and claiming to defend him in it, in attempting to meet our objections to his propaganda, ever arose to the dignity of an argument. Each one of his organs, and he had nearly all of them, contented itself with a line of vulgar blackguardism and billingsgate and cursing the editor of the Chicago Conservator as sufficient defense and argument for Mr. Washington's race-degrading policy. The result was that for a time, led by Tom Fortune, "the Nestor of the Negro press," that all the "enterprising" Negro newspapers of the country, with a few brave notable exceptions, like The Bee, either held up the Conservator to ridicule and con- tempt, or passed it unnoticed, and to this day some of them hate it worse than the devil hates holy water. But we were not running our paper for newspapers and newspaper men, but for the people, and we stuck by the people, ignoring and exposing and lambasting all cring- ing newspapers and all flunkies who were making merchandise out of the race.

Now, as we see the result of our efforts in a subscription increased many fold throughout the country, with the whole race everywhere approving our cause, and above all the Negroes re- pudiate and setting aside Washington as a spokesman and a representative and the race fighting its own battles, making friends and growing in respect- ability all over the world as never be- fore.

We still love and highly respect all the press gang and hope the day will soon come when we can unite our forces as one man for the race and stop this

sickening fuss over Booker T. Wash- ington and remand him to his school work, for which he seems best fitted. If Washington could be induced to get out of politics and stop his practice of preaching policies and orders for the race and go and give his attention en- tirely to the work which we all admit he can best do, and stop buying influ- ential Negro journals which would otherwise serve the race for his special boosters when he runs counter to the race interest, we could all unite in sup- porting and holding up his hands while he taught our youth the use of the trowel, the spade, plow, hammer, hatch- et, etc.

It is not a fight on Mr. Washing- ton's school or his person that the self- respecting, race-loving Negro is waging; it is his persistent determination to use the great prominence which he enjoys as a first Negro to impress the country with the idea that the Negro must be content to be less than a full- fledged citizen to be acceptable to his fellows. Now, Brother Chase, being a new recruit to Mr. Washington's ad- vocacy, opens up a new and diving war of disposing of disputed propositions upon which honest men can differ and still respect one another, and it is hoped his new allies with take advantage of his manly example in meeting his foes and assist in dignifying their undig- nified service by showing some respect for those who honestly oppose their notions.

In his reply to the Conservator's strictures Brother Chase makes the com- mon mistake of asserting that the Con- servator is opposed to Mr. Washing- ton's school methods, etc.; and that in that line he has done no good, or at least done more harm than good. In this Brother Chase does the Conservator an injustice which it is plain from his fair spirit and brave manner he does not intend. We have never known Chase to purposely misrepresent even his most bitter enemy in a combat. He will fight fair if he gets whipped. No Negro newspaper out a truckling slave to our dear old friend, Mr. Booker T. Washington, ever said more compli- mentary and beautiful things of the school and the school work of Booker T. Washington than the Conservator, and no man can find one word that it ever said against his efforts along that line. We have voluntarily commended the school and praised Washington as the greatest living projector of the in- dustrial activities and have advised hun- dreds of our youth to take advantage of it.

We have never said or entertained anything other than that Washington was a gentleman of finest character and in that respect a splendid example of our best men, which we should like our young men to follow. To argue with us, therefore, that Mr. Washing- ton's school work is of great value to the race is superfluous. We know it all and appreciate it, and if he would agree to let the race go and contend for its civil and political rights without his interfering to call them thieves, and to advise the white man to feed us out of a wooden spoon, while the rest of the citizens and Japs are fed out of silver spoons, the Conservator would support him and support him heartily and he would not send us a check every month to do it, either.

Brother Chase is too close an observ- er and too well posted as to the posi- tion and policies to need any clear ele- mentary statement of the Conservator's position touching our active relations to the American negro.

By a little reflection Brother Chase will defy anybody to prove that the Conservator ever said one word to in- dicate that Mr. Washington was doing any injurious work in his school; and the very fact that he cannot carry on that school in the South and represent the great race in its contention for its Constitutional rights has been the chief reason why the Conservator has in the name of the race contended that he should in no way meddle with matters he can only make worse by the dab- bling in, and at the same time injure the work by which he contributes so much to the material worth of our race. This was the former stand of the able Bee, and we believe The Bee did much more good for the race generally in this position than it can possibly do in ten years' boosting Washington as a leader and representative Negro while his hands are tied to the skirts of the white South.

We are Washington's real friend.

## THOSE LETTERS.

From the Colored World.  
Editor Chase, of the Washington Bee, writes George B. Cortelyou a scathing letter.

## THE DISMISSED SOLDIERS.

If there are any members of Com- panies A, B, and C, of the Twenty- fifth Infantry in the city, please send their names and addresses to the Ed- itor of The Bee. If any member of these three companies should see this notice he is requested to send his name to The Bee at once. If any citizen of the United States knows the where- abouts of any member of any of the above companies he will please send his name to The Bee, Washington, Dis- trict of Columbia.

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